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Los Angeles Area Clubs To Hold Banquet Jan. 24

Members of the Los Angeles Coin Club, Santa Monica Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club, and San Fernando Valley Coin Club will hold their second annual banquet on Saturday evening, January 24, 1953, at Carolina Pines Restaurant, 7315 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles. All collectors are invited to attend. Tickets and information may be obtained from Joe Block, 1858 Wilshire, La Brea Station, Los Angeles 36, California.

Auction Proposals Invited

Dealer members of the CSNA are advised that proposals for the auction for the 1953 Spring and Fall meetings will be received and considered. Any dealer interested may submit his bid to Mr. Robert G. McArthur, secretary, in writing. With the Spring convention only five months away, proposals for that meeting should be made at once to receive consideration.

Members Auction Proposed For Merced Convention

It has been proposed that for the Merced convention next April, the auction be an association-sponsored affair, with no catalog and no mail bids. Members would be given the opportunity to bring duplicates or coins they wish to dispose of, the coins to be graded and labeled by the owner. The auction would be by floor bid only at the convention, and two alternative methods are proposed for the amount of the commission to be assessed by the association. One, that a five per cent commission be charged, to apply on all coins sold, regardless of the purchaser. Two, that the rate be ten per cent on all coins actually sold, with no commission on coins bid on by the owner. Consignments would not be accepted from non-members. All proceeds would go to the association. The board has the idea under advisement, and would appreciate hearing from members on the subject. Are you in favor of such an auction? And if so, which commission basis would you favor? Please send your reply to the president, Mr. L. C. Panosh, P.O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, Calif.

WINNING DISPLAYS AT ARROWHEAD

GROUP A, United States:

First Award—Alwood L. MacDonald. Coins from the Denver Mint.

GROUP B, Ancient:

First Award—Harold W. McBride, "Coins before Christ."

Second Award — Bryan O. Burke Jr., Ancient Greek Coins, Artistic Period.

GROUP C, Post Medieval:

First Award—Erich Werling. Coins of Ferd. II, Holy Roman Empire.

Second Award—Burt H. Ellsworth. Crowns of the World.

GROUP E, Specialized Collections:

First Award—Alan D. Craig. Modern Coins of Korea.

GROUP F, Paper Money:

First Award—Roy Hill. Wide variety of paper money.

Second Award — W. V. Barrett. Fractional Currency.

Special Award — Charles L. Ruby. Collection of all varieties of U.S. dollars through 1800.

Honorable Mention — Michael Carey. Display of one coin (Didius Julianus) with highly instructive comment on events in Rome during 2nd century.

YOUR LIBRARY

In an earlier issue this year there was listed a complete list of numismatic literature which is available to any member, by sending a letter or post card to Stewart Bingham, librarian. He reports that there is very little activity except locally. The question naturally arises: What can we do to correct this situation?

Are the books the wrong kind? Is there something wrong with the manner of distribution? Or is it something else? If you have any ideas on the subject, drop a line to the editor. Perhaps if we get all our thoughts on the subject together we can come up with the answer. A letter to the editor at P.O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, California, will be appreciated and will receive careful consideration.

San Diego Club To Install Officers At Annual Banquet

Newly elected officers of the San Diego Numismatic Society will be installed at the 16th annual banquet of the club, to be held at the Hotel Manor in San Diego on the evening of Saturday, January 17, 1953. Members are particularly invited to make displays from their collections. Ribbons will be awarded for the winning displays. All collectors are invited to attend.

Attention, Correspondents

Club secretaries and CSNA representatives, please send list of new officers, together with meeting dates and places to L. C. Panosh, P.O. Box 1773, San Diego 12, California, so that they may be listed in the January issue.

1953 Convention Sites Set

Arrangements are now in progress for the 1953 Spring convention to be held at the Tioga Hotel in Merced on April 10, 11 and 12. With George Coolures as general chairman, and the Merced Coin Club as host club, we can look forward to another fine convention next Spring. Full details will appear in the January and March issues.

Mayfair Hotel at 1256 West 7th Street in Los Angeles has been selected as the site for the 1953 Fall convention, with the Los Angeles Coin Club as host club. The dates are October 25, 26 and 27. Although we have met in Santa Monica and in Long Beach, this will be the first convention in the big city itself.

Correction

In a previous issue there appeared a list of those who have attended all CSNA conventions to date, namely Dr. C. L. Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knickerbocker, Mr. L. C. Panosh, and Mr. William J. Sexton. It has been called to our attention that Mr. Roy Hill should be included in the list, a claim which has been verified by a check of registration records. All the above attended the Arrowhead Springs meeting, so the list remains unchanged.

Rules for Exhibitors Result of Careful Study

One of the most important, if not the most important feature of our conventions is the display of our coins, and yet, up to this time we have had no rules to go by in the handling of this important function. The committee at each convention has had to make its own rules.

Handling the arrangements for displays is no easy task. Many things must be taken into consideration. Cases and locks must be provided. Eligibility for space, priority, determination of classification, judging; all these and more combine to make this a real task.

Setting up of these rules has in mind three separate objectives:

First, to simplify the work of the committee by standardizing exhibit procedure.

Second, to establish a code for the use and guidance of both the exhibitor and the committee.

Third, to set up a classification base and a basis for judging displays so that every exhibit regardless of size, value or type may be awarded according to its merits.

The Rules and Regulations which appeared in the last issue are the result of a careful study of all phases of the problem by a committee set up for that purpose. To quote the words of the committee in its report, "At first glance these rules may seem complex. This really isn't the case. In fact, they are remarkably concise for complete coverage of procedure that enables the Association to reward informative and educational endeavor in any branch of numismatics and at the same time make the competitive feature equally fair to all in an exhibition of unlimited range."

Coolures Reinstated

Our attention has been called (not by Mr. Coolures) to the fact that in the September issue we referred to him as captain in the Merced Fire Department, whereas he is in fact the Chief of the Fire Department. We are happy, herewith, to restore him to his position with our apologies for having thus demoted him.

Arrowhead Springs Convention

Numismatic conventions have developed into a set pattern, with registration, auction, displays, bourse, business meetings, banquet and panel or forum, but there the similarity ends. Each convention, as it progresses, acquires a personality of its own which sets it apart from all the others. This eleventh CSNA convention at Arrowhead Springs Hotel in San Bernardino was no exception, and for those who attended will be remembered as an outstanding convention.

One reason for this was undoubtedly the many excellent facilities offered by the hotel. The spacious, beautifully appointed lobbies, the fully equipped Little Theatre where meetings and auction were held, the Candlelight Room for dining, the Wanhi Room for dancing, swimming pool, steam caves, golf course, tennis court all combined to make it an ideal spot for recreation as well as for the convention.

Perhaps the outstanding difference was in attendance. CSNA conventions have been averaging a registration of about 135 and even the most optimistic estimate did not reach the 171 figure attained at Arrowhead Springs. The fact that 111 of the 171 were members was equally surprising and above the average. Forty-eight California cities were represented in the registration as well as visitors from Colorado, Iowa, Ohio, Texas, Utah and Washington.

Attendance again furnished the outstanding difference at the Friday evening forum. More than sixty attended this excellent program presided over by Abe Kosoff and featuring talks by Mrs. A. M. Panosh on Medals and Decorations, Bryan Burke on Early Numismatists, Dr. Fountain on Medical Medals and Ken Allen with an exhibition of numismatic magic. With the card party attracting perhaps forty, it indicated a first-day attendance of over one hundred, another CSNA record.

The banquet and luncheon likewise set new records with 191 at the first and 152 at the second affair. Both events were well handled by the MC's in charge, Herb Bergen of Ful-

lerton and Earl Parker of San Francisco. The entertainment presented by Johnny Lenker at the banquet consisted of the "Emmons Family," a troupe of acrobats and tumblers. With Lenker as ringmaster, assisted by "Brandy Emmons," clown, the act received well deserved applause. The similarity of the surname to that of the general chairman was no doubt sheer coincidence. The Marimba Girls, presented by Herb Feinberg at the luncheon, were no less entertaining with a wide variety of musical selections throughout the meal.

The auction, arranged and ably handled by Jim Kelly, offered a wide variety of numismatic material of excellent quality, and the prices realized reflected the quality of the sale. Mr. Kelly was assisted by Mrs. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Wittlin.

Exhibits and bourse were housed in what proved to be cramped quarters for the amount of space demanded. Eighteen dealers occupied the wall space around the room, and from all reports enjoyed good sales. Twenty-seven displays by members (listed elsewhere) occupied the center of the room, covering a wide range of numismatic subjects. Again, as at Santa Barbara and Santa Rosa, the lighting was excellent, and in addition under adverse conditions, proved its adaptability. Winning displays (listed elsewhere) were rewarded with ribbons presented at the luncheon by Dr. N. A. Bowers, chairman of the awards committee.

The business meeting on Saturday morning was well attended, the business being largely presentation of committees and officers. The resolutions committee headed by Christian M. Petersen brought in three resolutions which after some debate and discussion were referred to appropriate committees for action, namely: (1) To make provision in the constitution and by-laws for censure, suspension or expulsion of any member found guilty of bringing discredit on the association; (2) To provide for displays at conventions at a club level; (3) To establish a junior membership classification in the organization.

Convention Notes

For the special benefit of our out-of-state visitors, the weather was up to California standard.

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Out-of-staters included Mr. and Mrs. Petersen, Chehalis, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly from Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Kagin from Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Overton from Pueblo, Colorado; Norman Shultz, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Bob Schermerhorn from Dallas, Tex.

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Several parties made the short 15- or 18-mile trip in the mountains to beautiful Lake Arrowhead.

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In fact, one or two made it first, thinking that was the site of the convention.

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After paying for Arrowhead Spring water by the bottle for years, it was something of a novelty to draw it out of a tap at the fountain in the lobby—for free.

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Sergeant-at-Arms Rudy Gjurovich couldn't make the trip, so Joe Steele was appointed to act in his stead.

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We really needed Rudy with his six-gun when the guard for the second shift on Friday night failed to show up. So did Joe.

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So Fred Draper, Bob McArthur and Lew Panosh sat up till three A.M. on guard until the third shift guard appeared.

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Those who remembered the Lenker-Ostrom act at the Bakersfield convention strongly suspected that "Brandy Emmons" was really Ostrom in disguise. But it was not so.

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The steam caves, hewn out of the solid rock, keep a temperature of 135 degrees, all 135 of which hit us in the face when we looked inside.

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But those who took the baths assured us that they were wonderful.

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We wonder if those who went swimming in that beautiful pool realized that they pay six-bits for five gallons of that stuff at home.

In order that those from a distance might get away early, the second section of the auction sale was moved ahead to Sunday morning. Worked fine and looks like a permanent change.

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With quite a number arriving on Thursday, and over a hundred on Friday, it was proposed that future conventions be made four-day affairs, opening on Thursday afternoon and closing with the luncheon on Sunday. What do you think?

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The TV in the lobby was a popular place on Saturday afternoon. We hear that Kenny Lee wanted to move his bourse table out there.

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We can't help but wonder whether Ken Allen's magic would work as well if he used some other brand of coffee.

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We heard some unkind remarks about four people in one family winning a door prize. Must have been the wrong family.

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Three busiest people at the convention: Bob McArthur at the registration desk, Herb Feinberg in the display room, and Doc Emmons, trouble-shooter-in-chief.

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Convention Exhibits

- ABRAMS, R.**—European crowns, 1500-1800.
- BARRETT, W. V.**—Fractional currency.
- BLACK, Mrs. Mary**—Coins of Israel, illustrated with maps, pictures, and souvenirs.
- BLOCK, Joe**—Commemorative gold; commemorative half dollars; proof and uncirculated U.S. in all denominations, including a remarkable showing of Standing Liberty quarters, among them being the over-dates.
- BOWERS, Dr. Nathan A.**—A new type of coin case suitable for carrying and quick dismounting to display its trays of coins.
- BURKE, Bryan Jr.**—Greek silver including many unusually fine and scarce pieces.
- CAREY, Michael**—A sestertius (large bronze) of the Roman Emperor Didius Julianus with a write-up of his career.
- CRAIG, Alan D.**—Korean coins in all metals, all periods.
- CULEY, Earnest C.**—U.S. gold type set.
- DRAPER, Fred E.**—National currency issued by banks in and near Upland, Calif.
- ELLSWORTH, Burt H.**—Coins of the world, chiefly crowns and multiples of crowns.
- FOGLER, Edward**—Coins of Japan, especially those of unusual shapes, sizes and fabric.
- FRASER, Vreeland H.**—Commemorative half dollars; U.S. gold including a Stella; Proof 2c, 3c, 5c pieces and dimes.
- HILL, Roy**—Fractional currency; foreign paper money including a siege note of Mafeking; Confederate currency; stamp money of U.S. and Russia.
- KNICKERBOCKER, Irving**—U.S. proof sets 1858-1915, complete.
- KOSOFF, Steve**—Commemorative half dollars.
- MacDONALD, Atwood**—Scottish coins; coins of the Denver mint, illustrated with photographs.
- McARTHUR, R. G.**—Crowns, including some of military occupations and other necessity money.
- McBRIDE, Harold W.**—"Coins Before Christ"—ancient coins of the Mediterranean area with a thread leading from each coin to the place of mintage, on a classical map of those countries.
- PANOSH, Mrs. Anna M.**—U.S. military medals and decorations, including a Congressional Medal of Honor; foreign orders and decorations.
- RUBY, Charles L.**—U.S. dollars 1794-1839, including very many rarities; U.S. gold type set; Indian \$2.50 gold complete; large cents including 1793 (Var. 91) and 1795 (Var. 80), each being one of the finest three known.
- SMITH, Howard S.**—Swedish plate money.
- SMYSER, Don**—Judean coins and Roman coins connected with the history of Judea. These included many coins of the Jewish kings and of the Roman procurators.
- STRAUCH, Milton C.**—Coins of countries behind the "Iron Curtain," as Czechoslovakia, Hungary, etc.; silver from the smaller European countries.
- WARD, Thomas W.**—Historical coins of the Roman Republic.
- WERLING, Erich**—Coins of Ferdinand II, of the Holy Roman Empire, 1578-1637.
- WILSON, R. A.**—Bank tokens; a counterfeit detector.

Convention Facts and Figures

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:

Registration (and extra tickets)	\$1063.00
Dealers Bourse	185.00
Exhibit Cases	23.50

Total Receipts \$1271.50

Less Disbursements:

Hotel—Banquet and Luncheon	\$ 850.82
Carpenter and Electrician	40.00
Refreshments (Fri. Evening)	25.75
Transportation Cases	78.00
Entertainment	50.00
Badges and Award Ribbons	40.27
Printing and Steno	46.00
Signs for Dealers	6.00
Misc.	7.95

Total Disbursements \$1144.79

Balance—Profit to the Association 126.71

REGISTRATION FIGURES

Members	111
Visitors	60

Total Registration 171

 Attendance at Banquet.....191

 Attendance at Luncheon 152

Full Registrations	142	Badge only	15
Dinner and Badge	9	Extra Dinner Tickets	31
Lunch and Badge	5	Extra Lunch Tickets	5

REGISTRATION BY CITIES

San Diego	23	Claremont	2	Santa Maria	1
Los Angeles	19	Daly City	2	San Marino	2
San Bernardino	14	El Cajon	2	Santa Monica	2
Oakland	13	Glendale	2	Van Nuys	2
San Francisco.....	13	Hollywood	2	Vista	2
Beverly Hills	6	Huntington Park	2	Arcadia	1
Santa Ana	5	La Canada	2	Artesia	1
Redlands	4	Lockeford	2	Azusa	1
Long Beach	4	Lone Pine	2	Berkeley	1
Fullerton	3	Merced	2	Brea	1
Atherton	2	Monterey	2	Fallbrook	1
Bakersfield	2	N. Hollywood	2	Fresno	1
Lafayette	1	Ontario	2	Garden Grove	1
La Verne	1	Palo Alto	1	Tustin	1
Manhattan Beach	1	Riverside	1	Upland	1
Mira Loma	1	Sacramento	1	Ventura	1

OUT OF STATE

Pueblo, Colo.	2	Dayton, Ohio	2	Dallas, Texas	1
Des Moines, Iowa	2	Chehalis, Wash.	2	Salt Lake City, Utah	1

Respectfully Submitted,
R. G. McArthur,
Secretary.



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Names in History

By DR. C. GLENN CURTIS, *Brea*



his many accomplishments and titles were running and boxing, protector of cattle and herds, sun god, god of battle, god of poetry, god of music, and god of the healing arts. The reverse of this coin pictures a realistic swan, while around the edges are lettered the name of the magistrate who served in Ionia a mere twenty-three hundred years ago.

NERO

Now here is a lad you all know, for that thick-necked husky musician up there is none other than Nero, the emperor who was said to have fiddled while Rome burned. We don't know for sure whether he fiddled or not, but history says in no mistaken language that Nero rebuilt the city of Rome at terrific expense, not only to the Romans but all the subject peoples they ruled, and no doubt the tribute they all paid went a long way to make Nero such an unpopular guy on the pages of history. Other unfortunate happenings during his reign were the revolt in Britain, the earthquake at Pompeii and the Roman evacuation of Armenia. During his reign, St. Peter was martyred. Nero died in 68 A.D. when only 31 and in the 14th year of his reign. He was the last of the Caesars. After his death, Nero's statues were broken, his name erased from the records, his golden house



APOLLO

Now here is a fellow who, if he were alive today, could command a fabulous salary in Hollywood, the one and only Apollo. This coin, dated somewhere between 400 and 228 Before Christ, was used in Ionia, and just in case there is any doubt about where that is, Ionia was one of the Greek states located on what is now called Asia Minor, in other words, just across the Aegean Sea from modern Greece on the continent of Asia. Getting back to Apollo, the Greek looking at you was much more than a good looking. Just a few of



California Club News, Views, and Whos

THE LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB held its October 3 meeting as usual at 1329 S. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

President Adolph Larson Jr. conducted the business meeting which voted favorably to invite the California State Numismatic Association to meet in Los Angeles next fall.

Dr. Harbeck reported some progress in his task of editing and publishing a journal for the LACC.

The announced speaker, Mr. W. D. Koonce, secretary of LACC, spoke on the subject, "Medals and Orders," tracing the origin of the War Medal from the time of Cromwell to the present day. The Dunbar Medal for the Battle of Dunbar was considered to be the historical "first" of the types of medals which are presented for service in time of war.

The Battle of Waterloo was the first well-known engagement in which large scale presentation of medals was made to all ranks from the commanding officer to drummer boy.

A description was given of the meanings of the colors and their proportions in the ribbons in reference to the Queen's Sudan Medals with their yellow, black and red stripes, referring to the sand, African continent and bloodshed, respectively.

Mr. Koonce displayed medals for the 1861-66 New Zealand campaign; a number of Stars of the Orders for various Germanic States, including a cased set of the Hessian Order of the Star of Brabant with Star, Neck Decoration and Sash; a cased Third Class Order of the Rising Sun of

Japan; a Star with Swords and Neck Decoration with Swords and Oak Leaf of the Order of the Red Eagle of Prussia; a Star with Swords and Neck Decoration of the House Order of the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, and a large number of medals and Orders of the Hessian Duchies including the only known diamond-cut Star of the Order of Phillip the Magnanimous, all of the six others having been called in and destroyed.

Three other Orders and Medals Society members were present for the talk. They were Mrs. L. C. Panosh of San Diego, Mr. C. Whitney Carpenter II and Mr. John V. Thompson of Santa Monica. Two of these brought rare items from their collection for display.

Mrs. Panosh, whose exhibit was a first-prize winner in the N. Y. ANA Convention of this year, brought about a dozen choice items from her extensive collection such as the Order of the Golden Grain of China; the Congressional Medal of Honor; a heavy solid gold Order of Manchukuo; the highest order of Maximiliano, Emperor of Mexico; the Order of the White Rose of Finland, not to mention other rare Brazilian, Chinese and Spanish Orders.

Mrs. Panosh specializes in the Spanish Orders, due to her interest in teaching the language.

Mr. Carpenter will speak on his Germanica collection early in the new year due to the shortage of time at this meeting.

One of the highlights of the evening was Mrs. Panosh's research on the whereabouts of the Grand Collar to the Austrian Golden Fleece Order.

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The Los Angeles Coin Club held its November 7 meeting as usual at 1329 S. Hope St., Los Angeles (3rd Floor, Forrester's Hall).

President Adolph Larson introduced Joe Block who announced that Los Angeles had been selected by the California State Numismatic Association for the 1953 Fall convention.

Dr. Charles Harbeck spoke on the subject, "The Money of the Middle Ages," covering the period 476 to 1453 A.D. or from the Fall of the Roman Empire in the West to the

demolished, but in case Nero up there can hear us talking about him let me say that he did some good . . . that at times he was tolerant and even friendly to the new religion called Christianity—and no Roman emperor left a deeper mark for subsequent tradition. The front of the coin shows a remarkable likeness of Nero, tricked out as a sure-enough Roman emperor. Lettering around the regal bean reads NERO, CLAUDIUS, CAESAR, AUGUSTUS, GERMANICUS, IMPERATOR. Reverse of the coin pictures the goddess Roma all dressed up in the latest fashion for Roman goddesses.

Fall of Constantinople (Eastern Roman Empire).

The subtitles covered were Byzantium, English Medieval and Life in Medieval Times. Dr. Harbeck illustrated his talk with excellent and difficult to obtain coins of copper and silver. Included was an interesting coin of Arabian Nights fame, from the period of Haroun Al Rashid 768 which was translated on the obverse as follows, "There is no God but Allah Who has no associate" and on the reverse, "Mohammed is the apostle of God, sent with guidancee and the religion of Truth to make it prevail over every other religion averse though the idolator may be"!!

The speaker took much of the romance out of the Age of Chivalry by explaining such homely features of the life in the castle as the toilet facilities standard in the times and altogether presented a very complete picture of this most difficult period for the numismatist.

Among the other displays were the U. S. uncirculated coins of Joe Block and a few nicely conditioned gold coins of Byzantium and a series of political buttons from the recent election with an attempt at humor — examples were Ancient (Landon), Medieval (Taft), Reactionary (I want a change — Eisenhower), and Rebellion (Democrats for Eisenhower) and Progressive (Forward with Stevenson) from Mr. William Koonce's collection.

The presence of Mr. Karl Brainard resulted in his introducing some Soviet coins sent by Jack Ogilvie from Munich, Germany. Karl mentioned that Jack wrote the Russians are really tough over there.

The refreshments were overseen by Mrs. Block and her friends and the meeting closed with a drawing for door prizes and an excellent auction presided over by our ace auctioneer, George Bennett.

The December 5 meeting will feature a round robin of members plus the annual election of officers. The January meeting will consist of the Annual Combined Greater Los Angeles Area Coin Clubs Banquet at the Carolina Pines Restaurant in Los Angeles and all neighboring clubs are invited to attend. Tickets and information may be obtained from Joe Block, Box 1858, Wilshire-La Brea Station, Los Angeles 36, Cali-

fornia. If you are in the area on business or pleasure, why not attend?

—William D. Koonce,
Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.

The 171st regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held August 27, 1952, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse in Brea, California, with Vice-President John Haldiman presiding over an attendance of 102 members and guests. Three new members were admitted to membership, bringing the total paid-up active member list to 179 for the year 1952.

The untimely and sudden death of Fred Sklar was announced by Sam Freed. Although he joined the club only recently, he will be missed as much as an old member because his keen interest in coins gave promise that he would become one of the more active members of the club in future years.

The Secretary gave a report of the exhibit placed by members at the Orange County Fair, August 13 to 17. It was estimated that over 5000 visitors to the Fair came to see the coin exhibit which was one of the best ever shown by the club. Many of these visitors said that they possessed one or more old coins and expressed a desire to become serious collectors and join our club as members. Gold coin prizes were awarded to the three best guesses for the amount of money held in a large jar of U.S. coins. On motion of Past President Harry Hanson, the workers who helped place and show the exhibit were commended and thanked for their efforts.

Karl Brainard was called upon to report on the ANA Convention recently held in New York City. He reported a most successful meeting and announced that he had been delegated to award 25-year membership medals to S. J. Kabcalo and Adolph Larson Jr., members of our club. Mr. Larson was present to receive his award and the Secretary was directed to present Mr. Kabcalo's award at some future time when he could be present.

Appearing for the program of the evening, Mr. William D. Koonce, vice-president of the Los Angeles Coin Club, and member of the Numismatic Society of South Australia, Numis-

matic Association of Victoria, Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand, and various other numismatic orders and societies, gave as his subject, "Australiana" in which he discussed the coins and tokens of Australia and New Zealand. He accompanied his discussion with a large display of coins and tokens from down under.

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The 172nd regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club, held September 24, 1952, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse in Brea, Calif., registered an attendance of 86 members and guests with President Curtis presiding.

S. M. Koeppel, well-known coin dealer of Los Angeles and long-time member of this club, responded to a request to tell about his recent trip to Europe where he visited with his daughter in Rome and his son who was concluding 17 months of military service with the Fourth Infantry Division of the U.S. Army stationed in Germany. He was accompanied at the meeting by Mrs. Koeppel and by his soldier son who also spoke briefly about his experiences in Europe.

The feature attraction for the evening was a repeat performance by genial Joe Steele of his favorite subject, "Small Cents." Commencing with the first small cent pattern, the 1856 Flying Eagle Cent, Joe described the history and development of the popular little copper from the flying eagle stage through the Indian Head series and down to the current Lincoln penny. He listed the eight different types that have been issued and noted the change from the early copper-nickel content to bronze. Especially interesting was Joe's story about Sarah Longacre, flaxen-haired daughter of the chief engraver of the mint, who posed as model, wearing an Indian war bonnet, for the design that features the Indian Head cent. In conclusion, it was the speaker's opinion that Lincoln would always be the figure on the face of the small cent because his life and place in American history best depict this common coin. Although by act of Congress the design on all other U.S. coins is subject to change every 25 years, the Lincoln cent, first struck in 1909 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of Lincoln's birth, has now been issued for 43 years without interruption.

When the applause for Joe finally subsided, President Curtis ordered a recess for rest, relaxation and refreshments, after which the meeting continued with the customary auction of numismatic material offered by members. Genial Joe, still full of chatter after his eloquent dissertation on small cents, made the auction a lively affair.

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The 173rd regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held October 23, 1952, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse at Brea, Calif., with President Dr. C. Glenn Curtis presiding over an attendance of 86 members and guests. Six new members were admitted to the club at this meeting, thus increasing the total 1952 paid-up membership to 185.

After the business meeting, the program chairman, John Haldiman, introduced Dr. Edward Milligan of Santa Ana, one of our oldest members, as speaker of the evening. His subject, "Dahlonga Gold," captured the audience, few of whom had ever heard the intensely interesting history surrounding the minting of gold found in "them thar hills" of Georgia from the year 1838 to 1861 when the Civil War terminated operation of the Dahlonga mint. Dr. Milligan began his story with the founding of the colony of Georgia whose first settlers were chiefly British unfortunates who had been committed to the debtors jail in England and persecuted Protestants seeking religious asylum in the New World. Both of these groups were befriended by the statesman and philanthropist, General James Oglethorpe, who founded the colony and named it after King George III. When gold was discovered in the colony, it led to one of the most tragic episodes in early American history, said the speaker. The Cherokee Indians who were the native inhabitants and rightful owners of the gold-bearing land were ruthlessly dispossessed by greedy politicians of the Andrew Jackson regime and removed to the Indian Territory without compensation for the land or the "rich yellow" metal which they called "Tahlonga." It was from this Cherokee word that the site of the mint was later named.

The speaker then described the mint and its history, most of his information being taken from his own

study of the mint records and his visits to the old mint site. The discovery of gold in California, he explained, brought mining operations to a halt and finally the Civil War ended its existence as a mint of the United States. The Confederate States minted some gold during the war and after the close of the war the mint was used as a school for Negroes until it became a part of the Georgia Agricultural School. In conclusion, Dr. Milligan reminded his listeners that every gold coin that bears the letter D as a mint mark has one of the most tragic and fascinating histories of all U.S. gold coins, rivaling even the Pioneer Gold coins of the California Gold Rush.

When Dr. Milligan finished his talk there was a long round of applause for his excellent presentation of this extraordinary historical subject that few students of American Numismatics have explored. As one listener said later, every collector of Dahlonaga Gold coins should obtain from Dr. Milligan the full written story about the history of these coins as he gave it to this club.

The meeting was again featured by a Junior auction at the start and a regular auction of gold and uncirculated and proof coins at the conclusion.

—Herb Bergen,
Secretary.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB held its 51st meeting in the usual meeting place, the San



Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office, September 18, 1952. Dr. Emmons passed out the programs for the California State Numismatic Association convention we are

sponsoring, to be held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel September 25 and 26.

Lew Panosh gave a report on the ANA convention. He told of the many New York attractions and of the fine numismatic programs held there.

The entertainment of the evening was set number eleven of the ANA slides. This set consists of the issues of the Friends of the Medallion soci-

ety and the first few issues of the Society of Medalists. Viewing these beautiful works, it is hard to believe they are the most neglected phase of numismatics. We are looking forward to the second half of these slides on medallions.

—Bryan Burke, Jr.
Record. Secretary.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its 184th regular meeting at Dartlee Hall on September 8 with 44 members and visitors present. Exhibits were shown by Clive Foss, Eugene Johnston, Lewis Walrath, T. W. Ward, Mrs. A. M. Panosh, Irving Knickerbocker and Dr. Bruce L. Wallace, first award going to Mr. Walrath for his splendid collection of Morgan Dollars. The ANA Newell Visual slides showing the U.S. series from half cent to 20-cent pieces were shown with Mr. Johnston acting as commentator, and were followed by Dr. Wallace who showed slides and movies of his trip through the Indian country in New Mexico. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Chamberlain.

The 185th meeting was held at Dartlee Hall on October 7, being presided over by Vice-President Vigneault in the absence of the president. It was ladies night and the entire program was conducted by the ladies of the society. Mrs. Knickerbocker conducted a quiz participated in by ladies only, the winner being Mrs. Stevens who received an orchid from the nursery of Dr. Wallace. Mrs. Howarth received a coin for second place. The Newell slides on "Famous Women in History" were shown with Mrs. Panosh acting as commentator. Mrs. Bowler was the prize-winner for her exhibit. Refreshments of punch and wafers closed the meeting.

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The 186th regular monthly meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society was held on Monday, November 3, at Dartlee Hall with President James Crouthamel presiding. Twenty-eight members and three visitors were present, the unusually small attendance probably being due to the fact that it was the evening before the presidential election.

Three new members were admitted, Mr. Paul Zwahlen, Mr. Allen A.
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From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand August 31, 1952	\$415.01
Receipts:	
1952 Dues	\$ 12.00
1953 Dues	2.00
Bulletin	100.00
	114.00
Total Receipts	\$529.00
Less Disbursements:	
Postage and Supplies	\$ 29.63
Bulletin	138.50
Convention Ribbons	40.27
	208.40
Cash on Hand October 15, 1952	\$320.61

NEW MEMBERS

527	Avilez, F. J., 920 W. 17th St.	Merced, Calif.
528	Moore, J. W., 1230 Fig	Merced, Calif.
529	De Bock, Joe, Rt. 2, Box 447	Chico, Calif.
530	Smedley, Glenn B., 8019 So. Calumet Ave.	Chicago 19, Ill.
531	Brown, L. L., 3746 Oakley Ave.	Riverside, Calif.
532	Craig, Alan D., 2743 Hillegass Ave.	Berkeley 4, Calif.
533	Hilton, Hunter R., 610 E. Hillsdale	Inglewood, Calif.
534	Fulks, Roscoe L., 7706 Sepulveda	Van Nuys, Calif.
535	Peterson, Haven, Rt. 1, Box 52A	Chehalis, Wash.
536	Smyser, Donald, 673 So. "K" St.	San Bernardino, Calif.
537	Davidson, Maude O'Neill, 2960 The Mall	Los Angeles 23, Calif.
538	Devlin, Marie C., 7372 Fulton	San Diego, Calif.
539	Phillips, Cyrus H., Box 571	Azusa, Calif.
540	Memel, Edward G., 4169 Louisiana St.	San Diego 4, Calif.
541	Nagel, Ralph, 515 So. Spring St.	Los Angeles 13, Calif.
542	Colver, Charles G., U.S. Forest Service, Rt. 1	La Verne, Calif.
543	Bassetti, Del, Box 62	Atascadero, Calif.
544	Ellsworth, B. H., 1344½ Pacific	San Luis Obispo, Calif.
545	Wilson, Woodrow Malcolm, 316 Magnolia	Inglewood, Calif.

REINSTATED

129	Lenker, John E., 1550 Sylvan Blvd.	Redlands, Calif.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

365	Hansen, Harvey L., 3960-C Hillcrest Dr.	Los Angeles 8, Calif.
83	Koeppel, Samuel M., Suite 600 Merritt Bldg. 307 W. 8th St.	Los Angeles 14, Calif.
394	Kohl, George F., 1221 Fairview Ave.	San Jose 25, Calif.
391	Nielsen, Niels I., 725 W. Buena Vista Ave.	San Francisco 17, Calif.
163	Patterson, Robert C., 35 Serrano Dr.	San Francisco 27, Calif.
227	Katen, Frank J., 1726 Upshur St., N.W.	Washington 11, D.C.
341	Kappen, Maj. Ch. V., 0305259, PIO, Hq. FEC, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, ...	San Francisco, Calif.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of August 31, 1952	361
Additions:	
New members	3
Re-instated	0
	3
Total	364
Less Losses:	
Resigned	0
Suspended	0
Deceased	0
	0
Net membership as of October 15, 1952	364

Note: 331 members have paid 1952 dues.

R. C. McArthur,
Secretary.

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Whaley and Dr. William Fountain of Merced.

Mr. Panosh gave a very complete and satisfactory report of the CSNA convention held in October at Arrowhead Springs Hotel in San Bernardino. He reported that the record breaking attendance was led by San Diego County with 28 registrations, and two who did not register.

Displays for the evening were made by Mr. Francis Jones, early U.S. Coins; Clive Foss, Roman silver denarii; L. C. Panosh, medallions; James Crouthamel, modern proof coins; Mr. Leuschner, two beautiful silver trays from Germany with fine gold and silver coins pressed into them.

The program for the evening consisted of the showing of the ANA slides of Private and Territorial Gold Coins, the script being read by Mr. Walrath. Plans for the annual banquet and installation of officers were started, the event to be held at the Hotel Manor on Saturday evening, January 17, 1953. Refreshments and a social hour closed the meeting.

A. M. Panosh,
Secretary.

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB has been holding regular monthly meetings throughout the summer. Forty members and guests were present on July 31 to hear Mr. George Bennett speak on "Roman Coins." Mrs. Joe Block gave us some

of her experiences as a coin collector's wife. Mr. Edward Case was elected to the Board of Governors, to replace Mr. Frank Toce who has moved to New York. Dahl Koonce exhibited an authentic 1560 Elizabethan shilling die, English Silver Coins, English Mint Set in Case, and an antique Swiss Gold Scale.

On August 28, a nominating committee was appointed to select a slate of officers, to be presented at the September meeting. Election of officers will be held in October. A. E. Nickolson spoke on "Commemorative Gold and Silver Coins." The exhibit consisted of a complete set of silver commemorative coins, a type set of silver half dollars and type set of gold commemorative coins. Thirty-five members were present.

In spite of a prolonged heat wave, thirty members turned out on September 25. Mr. Charles Mills was the speaker. His subject: "Lincoln Cents." The nominating committee brought in their slate of officers. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Mr. Dahl Koonce exhibited a nice display of Australian medals. Refreshments were served in the patio.

Mrs Edward T. Case,
Publicity Chairman.

There were forty-five different states in Germany which issued their own coins in the 19th century.

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Car hops are girls who believe money grows on trays.